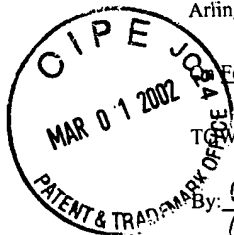


#11/B

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Box SEQUENCE
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 023070-103031US
Client Ref. No.: DIV of 92-383-5



February 22, 2002

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: Will R. Clarke
Will R. Clarke

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NOBORI *et al.*

Application No.: 09/780,114

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTION OF
THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF
METHYLTHIOADENOSINE
PHOSPHORYLASE (MTASE) IN A
CELL SAMPLE BY DETECTION OF
THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF
MTASE ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID
IN THE CELL SAMPLE

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: 1655

COMMUNICATION UNDER

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825

AND

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Box SEQUENCE
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the request to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, that accompanied the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed December 26, 2001, Applicants submit that the computer-readable form in the instant application is identical with the Substitute Sequence Listing filed in Application No. 09/072,914, filed July 14, 2000. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the